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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Harbury, P. et al.

EXAMINER: Tomas Friend

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FILED: October 19, 1999

FOR: DNA-TEMPLATED COMBINATORIAL
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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office action mailed January 13, 2003 in the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein each of said reacting steps includes adding a selected chemical substituent to each of the subsets of nucleic acid tags under conditions effective to add that substituent to the chemical reaction site or last-added substituent carried thereon.

Remarks

Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated January 13, 2003 is respectfully requested. Applicants petition the Commissioner for a 3-month extension of time. A